#### **General System Information**

# WHEN USING THE TRIAL COURT SYSTEM

**Trial Court Systems (TCS)** has provided you with this manual to assist you in the basic day-to-day processing of your cases. However, the manual may not address all of the situations that occur in your court. Should you require further assistance, you may contact a Technical Service Representative through the TCS Helpdesk. You can reach a TCS team member by calling 1-888-339-1547 and select 4 on your keypad. This will route you to the individual who is taking calls for TCS.

Technical Service Representatives are available to assist you with your problems, questions, concerns and requests for enhancements to the system. Please do not hesitate to call.

You may also reach TCS help desk by e-mail at TCSHELPDESK@courts.mi.gov.

In addition, you may contact the Director of Judicial Information Systems

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**Please Note:** If you are having a windows problem or are unable to connect to the AS/400 from your P.C., you should contact your Data Processing/Information Systems personnel.

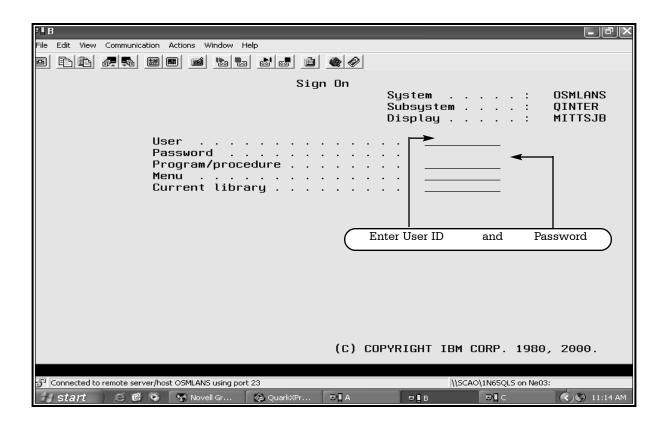
#### **Accessing the Trial Court System**

#### Sign-on Procedure:

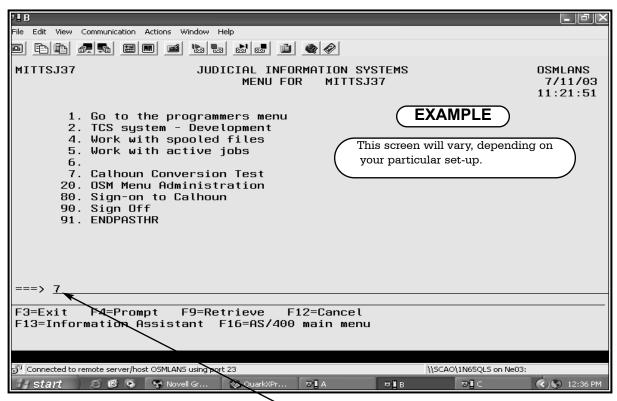
To access the Trial Court System, a User ID is required. The User ID identifies you to the computer as an authorized user of the Trial Court System. A password protects your User ID from unauthorized use by other persons. Each individual will select their own password. It is recommended that you select something that is easy to remember, as both the User ID and password are required to sign on.

If you are not already signed on, your workstation will display the screen shown below. Enter your User ID in the **User** field. The User ID will display as you type. Next, enter your password in the **Password** field then press the <ENTER> key. For security purposes, this field will not display as you type. Leave the remaining fields blank.

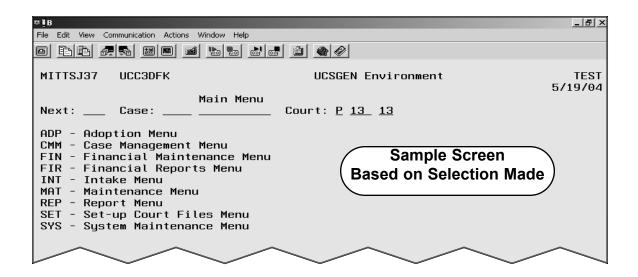
If you receive an error message, verify your user ID and password and re-enter them. Should you continue to receive an error message, you may contact your *Data Processing/Information Systems personnel*, or contact TCS Helpdesk.



After you press the <ENTER> key, you will be taken to the **Menu for <Username>** screen which has been created for your sign-on.



From the **Menu** screen, enter the number of the menu you want to be taken to and press <ENTER>. You will be taken to the screen that you selected.



### **Standard Function Keys**

Most standard functions keys are displayed at the bottom of a screen, others are not listed but always available to the user.

F1	Help	Definition of field and its function.	
F2	Next	Positions the cursor to the top transaction line.	
F3	Exit	Takes you back to the previous screen. Cancels any entry that is made on a screen prior to pressing <enter>.</enter>	
F4	Prompt	Lists all valid entries for the selected field.	
F6	Create	Create or add within the screen.	
F10	Name Inquiry	View Names and Cases from any screen (inquiry only).	
F13	System Commands	Work with submitted jobs, spooled files, printers, etc.	
F14	Comments	Additional lines to add comments.	
F16	Calculator	Inventory/date calculator used to compute probate inventory fees, calculate from and to dates, or number of days.	
F17	Тор	Positions to top of screen	
F18	Bottom	Positions to bottom of screen.	
F19	Account	View a Register of Action for the financial account history.	
F20	Bonds	Access bonds from the edit event screen.	
F21	Print	Print the information from the screen.	

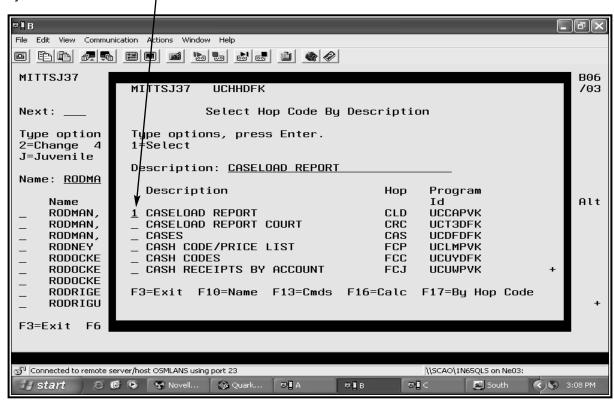
### Name Entry

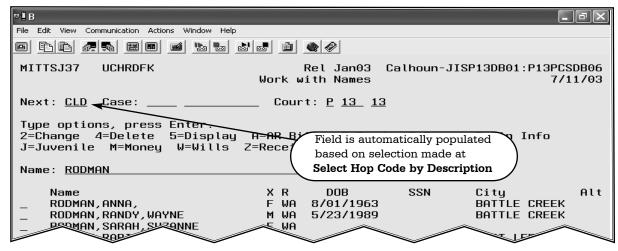
		Will Print As/
Definition	Enter As	Display on ROA As
Regular Names	JONES,R,M	R M JONES
	JONES,L,HAROLD	L HAROLD JONES
Suffixes	SMITH,JOHN,,JR	JOHN SMITH JR
	SMITH,JOHN,T,JR	JOHN T SMITH JR
Compound Names	OCONNEL,SARAH,	SARAH OCONNEL
	VANDYKE,LAURIE,L	LAURIE L VANDYKE
Hyphenated Names	SMITH-DAVIS,SUE,	SUE SMITH-DAVIS
	SMITH,AMY,SUE-LEE,	AMY SUE-LEE SMITH
Abbreviations	STJAMES,ROBERT,PAUL	ROBERT PAUL STJAMES
	SAINTJAMES,ROBERT,PAUL	ROBERT PAUL SAINTJAMES
Titles, such as MD, Rev., etc., are not recommended.		

#### Field Prompts

Field prompts are available on fields that have multiple choices for entries. To prompt on a field, simply use the <F4> key. A pop-up window will be displayed for that field, allowing you to make selections.

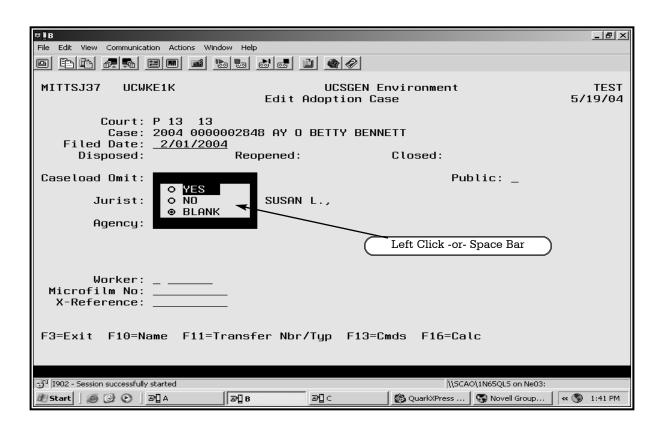
There are two different pop-up windows on TCS, depending on the field. One selection is made by typing the description of the field you are searching for, next press the <ENTER> key, then enter a "1" next to the selection you want and press the <ENTER> key.

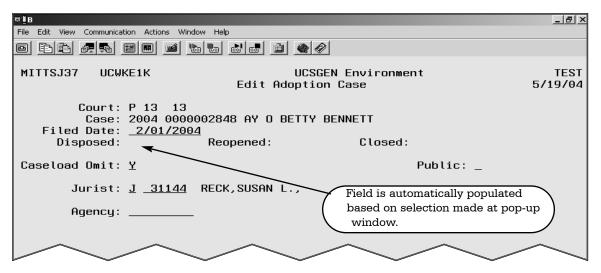




#### Field Prompts, continued

The other prompt selection displays the entire selection list and requires that you either left click with you mouse or scroll up and/or down using the  $\uparrow$  on the keyboard, then press the space bar to make the selection

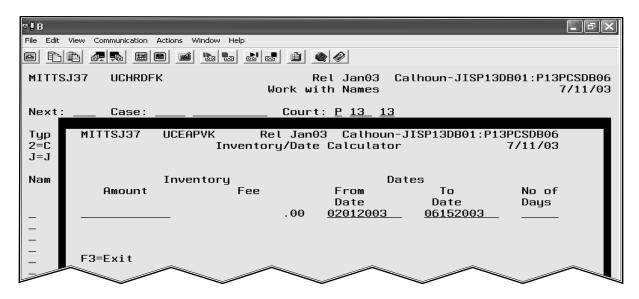




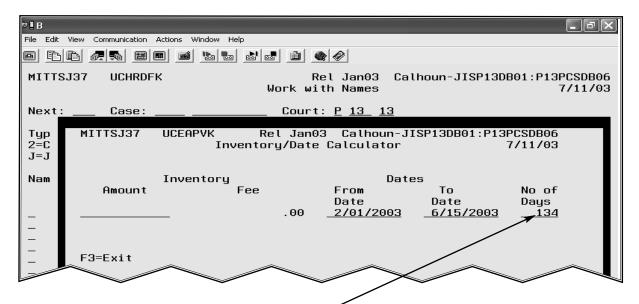
#### **Inventory/Date Calculator**

The Inventory/Date Calculator is used to calculate an inventory fee in Probate Court and to calculate date ranges. By pressing <F16>, the **Inventory/Date Calculator** screen will be displayed

To calculate the number of days from one date to the next date, enter the beginning (**from**) date, then the ending (**end**) date.



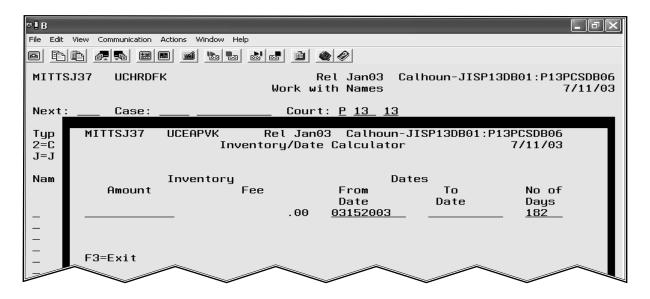
Next, Press the <ENTER> key



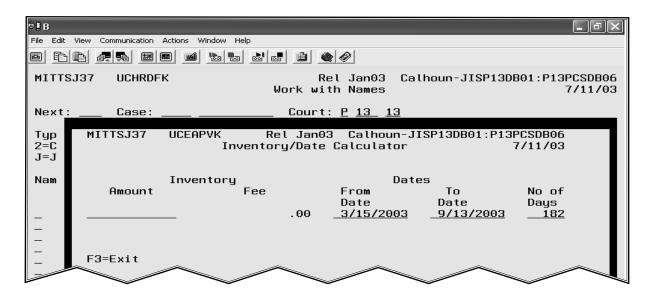
The number of days is automatically calculated.

#### **Inventory/Date Calculator, continued**

To calculate the date based on the number of days, enter the beginning (**from**) date **or** ending (**to**) date, then the number of days for calculation.



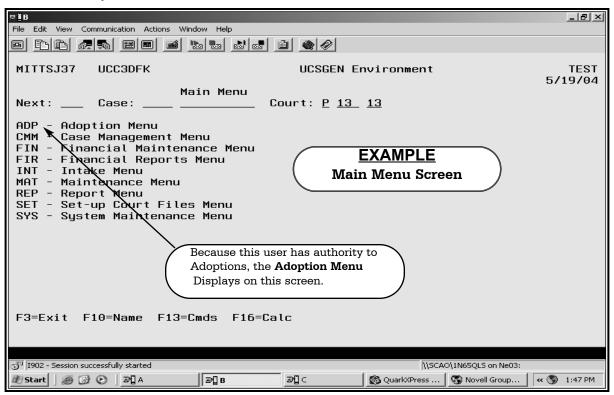
Next, Press the <ENTER> key



The "To" or "From" date is automatically calculated.

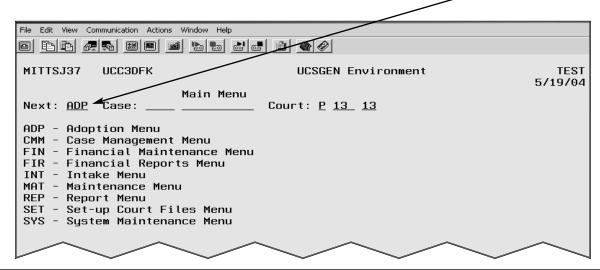
#### **System Navigation**

Once you have successfully signed onto the Trial Court System, the first menu that is displayed is the **Main Menu** screen. This screen displays the menus that are available to you for navigation through TCS. Each menu screen will display the sub-menus that are available to for your selection.



To display the sub-menus available for each menu, the user should enter the command at the  ${\bf Next}$  line and then press <ENTER> .

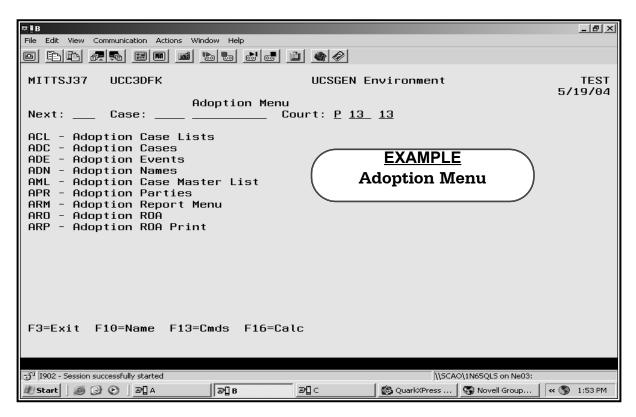
**EXAMPLE:** To display the sub-menus available for Adoptions, enter **ADP** at the next line, and then press <ENTER>.



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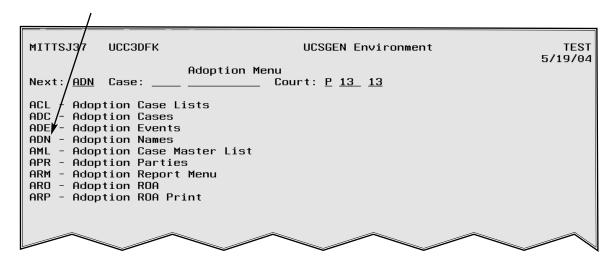
#### **System Navigation, continued**

The **Adoption Menu** screen will be returned.



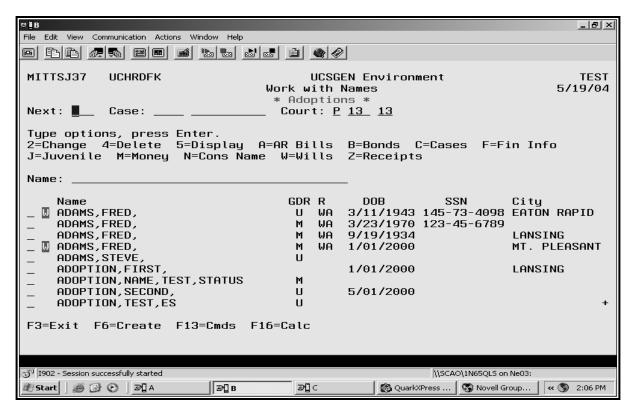
From the **Adoption Menu**, you may make your selection by entering the code at the **Next** line and pressing the <ENTER> key.

We will begin by looking up an Adoption Name for a specific individual. At the **Next** line type **ADN** and press the <ENTER> key.

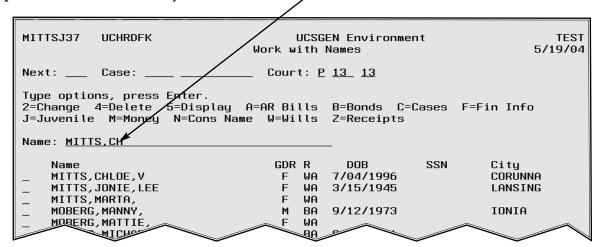


#### **Search for Names**

This will return you to the Work with Names \*Adoptions\* screen.



To search for a name, enter the **LASTNAME,FIRSTINITIAL** of the individual and press the <ENTER> key.

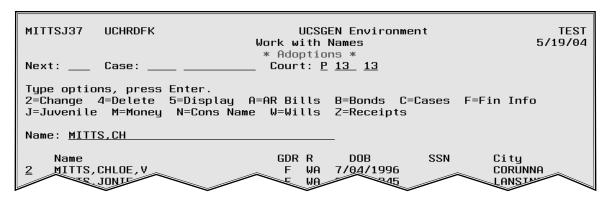


This will take you do that individual's name for further processing.

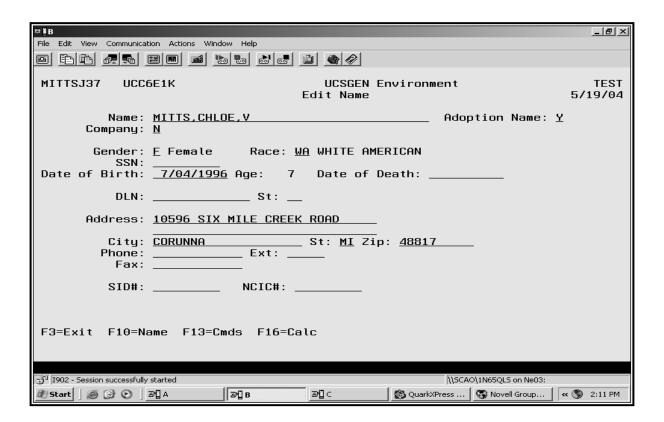
## Work with Adoption Names Option "Change"

Once you have located the individual's name, there are a number of options available from the **Work with Names** screen to further access information regarding the name. Let's review some of the options.

To change address, phone number, race, sex, etc., regarding this individual, enter a "2" next to the name and press the <ENTER> key.

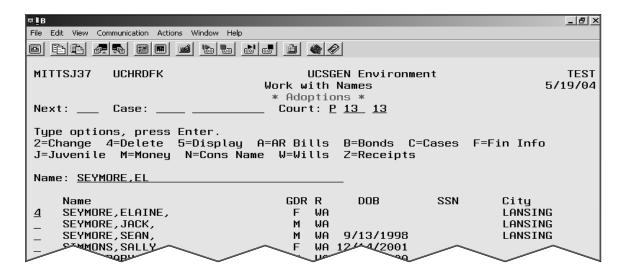


You will be returned to the **Edit Name** screen for processing. Make any necessary changes and the press the <ENTER> key to return to the **Work with Adoption Names** screen.

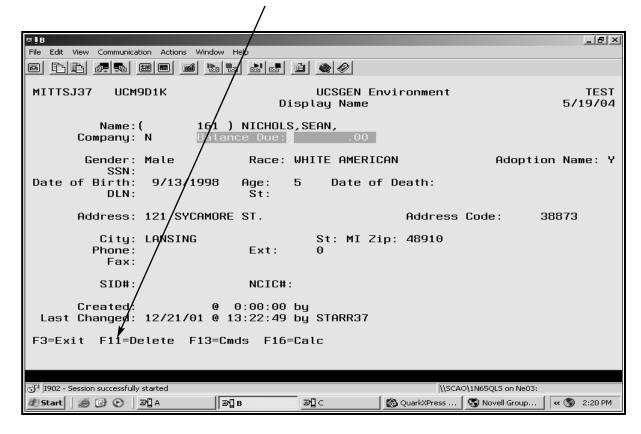


# Work with Names Option "Delete Name"

To delete a name enter a "4" next to the name and press the <ENTER> key.

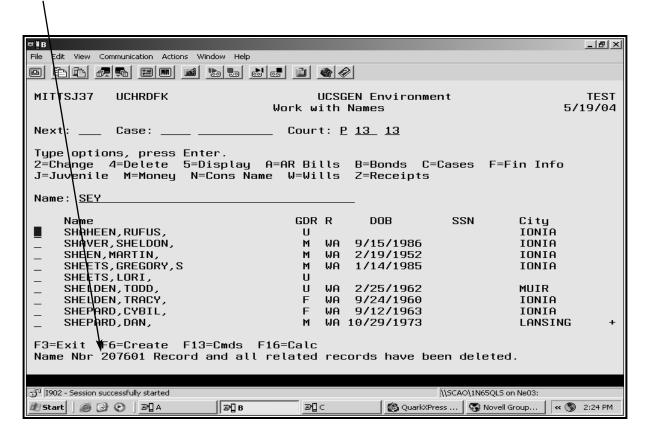


You will be returned to the **Display Name** screen. Check to make sure this is the name you want to delete, then press <F11> to delete..



## Work with Names Option "Delete Name", continued

You will be returned to the **Work with Names** screen with a message that states "Name Nbr 207601 Record and all related records have been deleted."

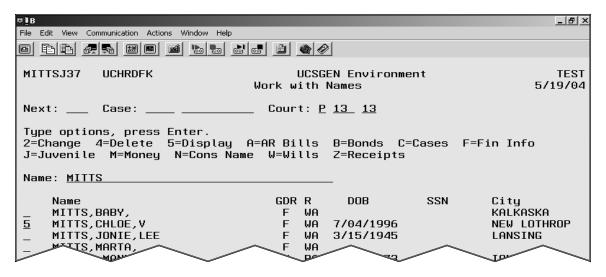


The name is no longer on the name index.

#### **Work with Names**

#### **Option "Display Name"**

To display the information relating to a name enter a "5" next to the name and press the <ENTER> key.



The **Display Name** screen will be displayed. To exit this screen, select <F3> and you will return to the **Work with Names** screen.

